

Dear Mr. Terreni,

As a citizen of South Carolina, I am writing to urge the Public Service Commission (PSC) to reject the current SCE&G rate increase application. This rate increase is to fund two new nuclear reactors. I request that this letter be posted on-line in docket 2008-196-E.

SCE&G's cost analysis is woefully inadequate. They estimate the cost of these two reactors to be \$9.8 billion. The US Department of Energy's most recent estimate is \$9 billion per reactor.

Not only is their cost analysis questionable, SCE&G fails to adequately address lower cost alternatives such as conservation, energy efficiency and renewables.

SCE&G has failed to prove they are able to secure private funding for such a risky project; therefore, electricity rates could potentially double for their customers. Unfortunately, SCE&G customers are legally liable for the cost of this project whether it is completed or not. The PSC is our last line of defense in this publicly funded corporate investment.

Best regards,

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